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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Hiroyuki HATTA, et al.

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For: SEARCH PROCESSING METHOD AND APPARATUS

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 15, 2006, and having a period for response set to expire on March 15, 2007. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to April 15, 2007.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.